GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2746
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2016
Impact of Demonetization of Currency Notes on Toll Collection
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to have toll free period for National Highways after demonetization of currency notes was announced, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether instructions have been issued to all concessionaries including BOT, OMT operators about extension of toll suspension, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether toll free period for National Highways will continue till adequate cash flow is restored, if so, the details along with the duration thereof;

(d) whether the Government allows the commuters to travel through all toll plazas on free of cost, if so, the details thereof;

(e) the losses that the Government has to sustain due to non charging of toll from National Highways; and

(f) whether the Government has received complaints that toll are being charged from people after the Government decision not to charge toll, if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. Post demonetization of currency notes of 500/- and 1000/-, Government has suspended the user fee collection on National Highways w.e.f. 09.11.2016 (17:30 hrs.) to 02.12.2016 (midnight). National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has issued necessary instructions to all concessionaries including BOT, OMT operators and commuters have been allowed to travel through the user fee plazas without paying any fee from 09.11.2016 (17:30 hrs.) to 02.12.2016 (midnight).

(e) The average toll collection per day is Rs. 51.59 crores from the fee plazas under NHAI, which is not accruing to the Government w.e.f. 09.11.2016 (17:30 hrs.).

(f) No, Madam.

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